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Dear Harold,

I don't expect you to agree with my methods, but, in truth, I spent thirty years on the conspiratorial side of the fence and had read a huge amount of literature which I never put into the bibliography because I never quoted from it.

The aim of my book was not to solve the case or get into the pro and con of each piece of evidence, since that is best left to experts like yourself. What I wanted to do was search out Oswald's character and I have to tell you the Warren Commission was absolutely the best for that, since as you know, conspiratorialists are concerned with conceivable machines of assassination, that is, scenarios by which assassination could have taken place, and never spent much time on Oswald's character. I felt the most profitable course at this point was to look to see what kind of man he was and what kind of woman Marina was. Look upon my book as not aspiring to a great deal more than that.

As for your suspicion that I had extra help in getting my research together, I had to tell you I had the same suspicion of Posner. Whether that is well-founded or not, I can vow to you by all I have that I did not receive any kind of material or handouts from "other people." The research was done by my assistant, Judith McNally, and myself, and since I did nothing but work on the book, and it did take two years, I'm complimented that a researcher like (as renowned as) yourself thinks I did do much work but in fact, the odds are that like all of us, with your notable exception, I did not do enough.

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